

New Hampshire Balance of State Continuum of Care (NH BoSCoC)

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FY 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition

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The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the CoC Program Competition. The Bureau of Housing Supports (BHS) is the collaborative applicant responsible for completing and submitting an annual application for CoC Program funding application on behalf of the NH BoSCoC which will include project applications funded under this RFP. The geography includes: Dover; Portsmouth; Rochester; Belknap County; Carroll County; Cheshire County; Coos County; Grafton County; Hillsborough County*; Merrimack County; Rockingham County; Strafford County; Sullivan County, Antrim, Bedford, Bennington, Deering, Francestown, Goffstown, Greenfield, Greenville, Hancock, Hillsboro, Lyndeboro, New Boston, New Ipswich, Pelham, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple, Weare, Wilton, and Windsor.

BHS is soliciting request for projects and is providing notice that there are funds available through the NH-500 Balance of State Continuum of Care FY 2021 NOFO Competition. Available funding amounts and deadlines are found below.

The following guidance applies to all new and renewal CoC Program project applications.

I. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS and COSTS

- A. Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are non-profit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of State and local governments, Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) and public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, without limitation or exclusion.
- B. Provisions at 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 identify the eligible costs for which funding may be requested under the CoC Program¹.
- C. No Awards to Debarred and Suspended Parties: BHS will not make any subrecipient award or permit any award to any party which is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension." All recipients are responsible for checking subrecipient status in the SAM system.

II. PROJECT APPLICATIONS TYPES

- A. Renewal projects
- B. New Bonus projects
- C. New Reallocation funding projects (not applicable to FY21 competition at this time)
- D. New Domestic Violence Bonus projects

¹ <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2035/coc-program-interim-rule-formatted-version/>

III. RENEWAL PROJECTS

- A. BHS Subrecipients - BHS will work directly with all eligible renewal projects to complete renewal applications that accurately reflect the project activities. BHS will be sending out project applications for each subrecipient to review by **September 3, 2021.**
- B. Renewal application feedback, changes or suggestions must be sent to BHS, Kristi Schott, electronically, by **September 24, 2021 by 4pm.** Kristiane.schott@dhhs.nh.gov
- C. POTENTIAL RENEWAL PROJECT CHANGES:
 - 1. Expanding projects - Renewal projects are eligible to expand units, beds, persons or services through creation of a new project application for reallocation, Bonus or DV Bonus funding. *(NOTE: this will require development and submission of two project applications (original renewal project, new project application with expansion information). The project will be competitively ranked.)*
 - 2. Transition Grant – A renewal project can work with CoC staff to determine if submitting a transition grant to change the program component of the grant is feasible. Please see the FY21 CoC Program NOFO for detailed instructions and restrictions.
 - 3. Consolidation – HUD is allowing eligible renewals to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects (but no more than four projects) in one project application. Please see the FY21 CoC Program NOFO for detailed instructions and restrictions.
 - 4. Eligible Populations – All project referrals must come from the NHBOS Coordinated Entry system
 - a. Existing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects – All renewal projects can change to 100% DedicatedPLUS to serve people who fall under the DedicatedPLUS criteria (see definitions end of this document for details).
 - b. Joint Transitional and Rapid Re-housing (TH-RRH) and RRH eligible population continue to be – persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs 1, 2, or 4 of 24 CFR 578.3

IV. NEW PROJECTS

Applications for new projects will be accepted from eligible entities that have submitted an application by the CoC deadline and are proposing projects, in alignment with the CoC and HUD priorities.

- A. NEW APPLICATION PROCESS: The application process is a two-step process.
 - 1. Initial project application packets must be submitted electronically to BHS, Melissa Hatfield, BHS Bureau Chief. Melissa.hatfield@dhhs.nh.gov
Deadline: October 8, 2021 at 4 pm.
The initial new project application must be submitted on the Word template that can be found at BHS's website: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bhhs/>
 - 2. A final project application, for projects chosen for funding, must be finalized electronically by the project applicant to the BHS CoC Collaborative Applicant profile, through HUD's e-snaps² electronic application system. This is completed by BHS for all subrecipients. Direct recipients must enter their applications and submit in e-snaps to BHS.
Deadline October 28, 2021 by 4:00 pm

² <https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf>

Information about submitting new project applications through e-snaps is available on HUD Exchange at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2909/coc-project-application-instructions-for-new-projects/>

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to submit applications in e-snaps by the deadline means the project may not be included in the final project list for the 2021 NH BoSCoC Program funding.

B. New Application Funding Sources

1. **Bonus and Reallocation funds:** Bonus is approximately **\$232,077.** Reallocation is **\$0** this year at this time.

Eligible project types include:

- a. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) that will serve
100% chronically homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth
OR DedicatedPLUS eligible participants;
 - b. *Rapid Re-housing (RRH)* that will serve
persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs 1, 2, or 4 of 24 CFR 578.3
 - c. Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) that will serve:
persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs 1, 2, or 4 of 24 CFR 578.3
 - d. HMIS expansion from current HMIS Lead
 - e. Coordinated Entry from current Coordinated Entry Lead
2. **Domestic Violence Bonus funds:** Approximately **\$488,965** is available this year. The CoC may fund projects in each of the following categories.
 - a. Rapid Re-housing (RRH) that will serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined in paragraph (4) at 24 CFR 578.3.
 - b. Joint TH-RRH that will serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined in paragraph (4) at 24 CFR 578.3.
 - c. Coordinated Entry System for people experiencing DV from the current Coordinated Entry Lead (limit of 1 project application for this project type).

C. HUD Bonus Points/Incentives for New Projects

- a. PSH or RRH project that utilizes housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs. For full bonus points for the CoC Application:
 - i. PSH projects would need to be at least 25% of the project units.
 - ii. RRH project commitments must serve at least 25% of participants
- b. PSH or RRH project utilizing healthcare resources to help project participants with a written commitment from a health care organization. For full bonus points for the CoC Application projects must show:
 - i. Substance abuse treatment or recovery provider will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify and choose those services OR
 - ii. An amount that is equivalent to 25% of the funding being requested for the project will be covered by the healthcare organization.

V. MATCH REQUIREMENT

The recipient or subrecipient must match all CoC Program grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 30% of cash or in-kind contributions from other sources in accordance with 24 CFR 578.73. Match is not required to be provided by budget line item, but instead as an aggregate sum. For more information on match requirements, please contact Kristi Schott, CoC Program Administrator.

VI. PROJECT APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS – NEW AND RENEWAL

- Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility
- Applicant Code of Conduct – verify if listed on HUD website, if not listed attach updated file that is in compliance with 2 CFR 200 requirements to project application
- The following are listed as attachments in the NOFO but are now built into e-snaps
- SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance (*built into e-snaps*)
- SF-424 Supplemental, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities (*built into e-snaps*)
- Form HUD-2880 dated between August 19, 2021 and November 16, 2021 (*built into e-snaps*)
- Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace (*built into e-snaps*)
- SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (*built into e-snaps*)
- SF-424B (*built into e-snaps*)
- SF-424D (*built into e-snaps*).

VII. FUNDING NOTIFICATION and ORDER FOR NEW AND RENEWAL PROJECTS

- A. All accepted, reduced and rejected project applications will be notified in writing outside of the e-snaps system by the BoSCoC. Rejected or reduced projects notices will include an explanation for rejection or reduction as applicable.
- B. Projects will be funded per the order defined in the CoC Rank and Review Policy, which is available on the BHS website.

VIII. APPEALS

- A. NH BoSCoC will accept written appeals submitted in accordance with the published policies and procedures of the CoC. If an applicant disagrees with their score, or placement on the ranking list, they may express their grievance in writing to the CoC Program Administrator within two business day of the project list being published/distributed.
- B. The BoSCoC Executive Committee will hold an emergency conference call to discuss the grievance, and to make a final decision. The applicant will be notified of the Executive Committee's decision in writing by the CoC Program Administrator within one business day of the meeting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Additional information on the NH BOS CoC FY21 CoC Program competition can be found at:
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bhhs/>

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2021-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>

- Additional information on the CoC Program rules and requirements can be found at:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

If you have questions about the CoC Program or the FY21 competition process, please contact:

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Definition Excerpts from FY21 and FY19 CoC Program NOFO – see full NOFO for additional information

1. DedicatedPLUS is a participant eligibility category for new and renewal PSH that can serve individuals with a disability and families in which one adult or child has a disability, including unaccompanied youth with a disability that are:
 - Experiencing chronically homeless as defined in 24 CFR 578.3;
 - Residing in transitional housing (TH) that will be eliminated and were experiencing chronically homelessness at TH entry;
 - Residing in place not meant for human habitation, shelter or safe haven BUT were experiencing chronically homelessness AND had been in permanent housing (PH) project within last year and were unable to maintain housing placement ;
 - Residing in TH funded by Joint TH-RRH component project AND were experiencing chronically homelessness prior to entering the project;
 - Residing in place not meant for human habitation, shelter or safe haven for at least 12 months in the last 3 years BUT has not done so on four separate occasions ; OR
 - In a Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program AND met one of the above at initial intake to the VA homeless assistance system.
2. *Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Project.* The Joint TH and PH-RRH component project includes two existing program components–TH and RRH–in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. If funded, HUD will limit eligible costs as follows:
 - 1) capital costs (i.e., new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition), leasing of a structure or units, and operating costs to provide transitional housing;
 - (2) short- or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance on behalf of program participants to pay for the rapid rehousing portion of the project;
 - (3) supportive services;
 - (4) HMIS; and
 - (5) project administrative costs.

When a program participant is enrolled in a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project, the recipient or subrecipient must be able to provide both components, including the units supported by the transitional housing component and the tenant-based rental assistance and services provided through the PH-RRH component, to all participants. A program participant may choose to receive only the transitional housing unit or the assistance provided through the PH-RRH component, but the recipient or subrecipient must make both types of assistance available.

Eligible participants are those referred from the NHBOS Coordinated Entry system based on local prioritization standards. The FY21 HUD NOFO allows the persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs 1, 2, or 4 of 24 CFR 578.3 to be referred to this project type

3. Rapid Re-housing (RRH)
 - Eligible participants are those referred from the NHBOS Coordinated Entry system based on local prioritization standards. The FY21 HUD NOFO allows the persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs 1, 2, or 4 of 24 CFR 578.3 to be referred to this project type.